

may get Soviet MiG-27's

March 3 (R). — There is strong possibility Soviet Union will supply Syria with its advanced fighter-planes, the Paris-based Arab and international Nahar reported today. The weekly paper added it had asked the Soviet Union to supply it with 150 T-62 tanks as well as surface-to-surface capable of carrying nuclear warheads "should war". Quoting informed Arab sources, the RIA said the Soviet Union had formally pledged to an air bridge between Moscow and Damascus a few hours" should Syrian-Israeli war break link would serve to supply Syria with all its requirements throughout the fighting, it added.

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Arafat says Arab heads must act to defend Palestinians in Egypt

BEIRUT, March 3 (AP). — Palestine Liberation Organisation Leader Yasser Arafat today sent messages to Arab heads of state calling on them to "shoulder their responsibilities" and put an end to the recent Egyptian measures against the Palestinian people, the Palestine news agency Wafa reported. Earlier in the week the Egyptian government imposed restrictions depriving Palestinians living in Egypt of social and professional privileges they have enjoyed for more than 20 years.

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At a ceremony watched by more than 100 news correspondents in a suburban Salisbury mansion Friday, (from left to right) Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Mr. Ian Smith, Chief Jeremiah Chiror and Rev. Ndabamungu Sithole sign a Rhodesian constitutional agreement. See story on page 6. (AP wirephoto)

Somalia hints it is willing to mend bridges with Moscow

ROME, March 3 (AP). — Somalia Foreign Minister Abdurrahman Giama Barre attacked the United States here today for giving his country "only sterile and vague words" and supplying weapons to rival Ethiopia. He also said Somalia welcomed "anyone who works to bring us close to the Soviet Union." The Somali minister added, however, there could be no rapprochement with Moscow while the Soviets continue providing diplomatic and military

support to Ethiopia. The Somali minister made the statements during a stopover at Rome international airport on his way from Tripoli, Libya, to Cairo. In Tripoli he had attended also talks between Somali President Siad Barre and Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi. The foreign minister avoided a direct reply to a query whether the Tripoli talks meant a mediating role for Libya both in relations with the Soviet Union and with Ethiopia over the Ogaden conflict. He said: "Libya and Somalia, both members of the Organisation of African Unity have common problems and interests that bind the two countries. The talks are aimed at improving relations between the two countries."

Libya has openly backed Ethiopia in the wake of the Soviet shift of support from one country to the other in the Horn of Africa. The Somali minister did not disclose details of his visit to Cairo. Egypt has been providing political backing and military



Somali civilians Tuesday march in the capital Mogadishu shouting slogans against Russian and Ethiopian aggression. (AP wirephoto)

Atherton arrives in Amman to push peace talks forward

AMMAN, March 3 (Agencies). — U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton today drove to Amman from Israel for a two-day-stay and talks with Jordanian officials. Mr. Atherton's car crossed the Jordan River and drove immediately to U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering's residence in Amman.

An American embassy spokesman said Mr. Atherton, the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State, hoped to see His Majesty King Hussein tomorrow.

Mr. Atherton's present shuttle between Jerusalem and Cairo to help draft an agreement on a declaration of principles for Mideast peace took a new turn yesterday when he handed a letter from President Anwar Sadat to Premier Menachem Begin of Israel.

Mr. Begin declined to say what Mr. Sadat's letter contained, but stated that based on this message, and his reply to it next week, "There is reason to say the negotiations... will continue."

Mr. Atherton plans to visit Saudi Arabia and return to Egypt to keep up the momentum until Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin visits U.S. President Jimmy Carter on March 13.

Observers in Amman believe that Mr. Atherton will not be able to achieve a breakthrough in his mission before the end of the Carter-Begin talks.

Semi-official sources in Amman quoted by the Associated Press said King Hussein will visit Washington later this month to hold talks with President Carter.

Lebanese Baathist leader demands army, militias be disbanded

BEIRUT, March 3 (AP). — A Syrian-backed Lebanese leader today called for disbanding the Lebanese army, and leftist Moslem and rightwing Christian militias.

Mr. Assem Kansou also demanded that all militia leaders involved in Lebanon's civil war be brought to trial for "destroying Lebanon and exposing it to partition."

Mr. Kansou heads the pro-Syrian Baath Party in Lebanon. He usually reflects the official views of Syrian President Hafez Assad's ruling Baath Party.

Syria provides the bulk of a 300,000-man Arab League army that smothered the 19-month sectarian conflict 16 months ago. The Syrians still police the Lebanese peace. They fought four days of savage battles last month with regular and irregular Lebanese rightwing Christians that left more than 150 killed on both sides.

In a news statement, Mr. Kansou proposed a six-point programme to ensure permanent peace and prevent a rekindling of the civil war. He called for:

— Disarming Lebanon altogether and combing its entire 4,015 square mile territory to purge saboteurs.

— Disbanding the newly regrouped Lebanese army to reconstruct it on a non-sectarian basis. This should entail compulsory service, cancelling the post of army commander and establishing a system of joint chiefs of staff.

— Working out new arrangements for Lebanese coexistence with the Palestinian resistance movement.

— Re-establishing authority of the Lebanese state over the entire southern regions bordering Israel, where fighting is still going on.

— Disbanding all Lebanese militias and bringing their leaders to trial.

Adopting a Lebanese Arab policy that would ensure genuine peace based on distinguished relations with other Arab nations, particularly Syria.

Mr. Kansou made the proposal after a visit to the Syrian capital and talks with government officials in Damascus.

eli control over the West Bank because of the potential threat this would pose to Israel's security. In recent weeks the Foreign Ministry has been distributing maps illustrating that missiles could easily be lobbed from the West Bank at the heartland of Israel.

Eban says Israelis must withdraw from West Bank

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Strong opposition to applying 242 to the West Bank has come from Haim Landau, Minister without Portfolio and a friend of Mr. Begin. In a newspaper interview, Mr. Landau said that for the Israeli government it was a cardinal plank of policy "that 242 does not mean withdrawal on all fronts."

Labour Party opposition

The apparent widening of the gap between Israeli and Egyptian leaders has brought a rally in the leadership of the opposition Labour Alignment which, since its election defeat at last May, has shown uncertainty about which direction its policies should take.

Former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has accused the government of intransigence. And an article in today's Jerusalem Post by former Foreign Minister Abba Eban said that exclusion of the West Bank from Resolution 242 was a distinct retreat from former Israeli policies.

Abu Odeh says

Jordan will not join peace talks at present

KUWAIT, March 3 (JNA). — The Minister of Information, Adnan Abu Odeh said in a newspaper interview today that Jordan will not be willing to join in the peace negotiations currently going on between Egypt and Israel under the present circumstances.

In an interview with the Kuwaiti weekly Annahdah Al Abya'ah published here today, the minister said that Jordan aims at a peaceful settlement based on a well-known formula: Peace in return for occupying Arab land and recognition by Israel of full rights for the Palestinian people.

The Arabs have offered a great deal for peace, Mr. Abu Odeh said, but Israel did not commit itself to those resolutions.

Hundreds of children plant a forest at Yajouz

By Ian Kellas
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, March 3 — Three thousand pine trees were planted today on the slopes of the "Yajouz Forest for Children".

The "forest" was not much in evidence, apart from rows of little sproutlings lined up ready for planting. But the children were very much in evidence, swarming about on the hillside, wielding hoes, and patting the trees happily into the ready-prepared holes.

The proceedings were given a ceremonial flavour by the bus loads of scouts and girl guides who lined up to clap and chant for the planters and for the Mayor of Amman, Mr. Ma'an Abu Nuwar, who turned up with his large family of children, to represent the Crown Prince.

About 250 dunums of land, up on the hills behind the sporty city, have been allocated for a national park. Today the children planted about 15 dunums of that with young pine trees provided by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The land for the park had already been fenced off and prepared for today's planting by members of the Friends of the Children Club. The chil-



With a bit of back-work and a lot of communal encouragement one more tree is planted at Yajouz.

dren came along today in response to an invitation put out in the club's popular radio and television programmes. Brief speeches were given by Mr. Abu Nuwar and by Mrs. Hind Nasser, President of the Friends of the Children Club. Accompanied by flag-carrying scouts, the crowd then moved in a colourful mass towards the plot of land prepared for the planting.

The sproutlings will need to be tended for another three years before they will be strong enough to grow up into a forest on their own.

The club has arranged similar planting days in the past and is also going to help plant an "international friendship forest". The trees for this will be provided by children from all over the world. Some have already arrived from Pak-



Girl guides warm up before giving a spirited performance of clapping and chanting to encourage the planters.

Some children rushed off to

lay claim to their own trees and started attacking the dry soil with implements about twice their height. Others were noticeably better at telling their parents what to do. In any case everybody seemed to be enjoying the day out.

From the hillside at Yajouz you can look out over a wide stretch of rough, treeless landscape.

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Beyond 242

U.S. President Carter's reiteration of the need to base a Middle East peace settlement on the principles of Security Council resolution 242 is obviously welcomed, particularly in light of President Carter's stated view that an Israeli withdrawal from the occupied territories must be more or less total, including the Golan Heights and Arab Jerusalem. But simply to mention again the importance of 242 is unexciting at this point, because the intentional vagueness of 242, though it was appropriate in 1967, is no longer sufficient today. The Israelis accepted 242 because it did not specify a total withdrawal, only withdrawal, which in Israeli eyes can be interpreted to mean half a withdrawal or even less than that. So to stress again the applicability of a vague commitment to withdraw that was expedient ten years ago is not much of a help to the current peace efforts of the Americans via the persistent Mr. Atherton.

There is the meaningful argument that only vague wording, such as we have in 242, can be agreed upon by the Arabs and the Israelis. But at some point, the vagueness has to be translated into more emphatic clarity, meaning a total Israeli withdrawal with border changes that are cosmetic and reciprocal on the Arab and Israeli sides. This is the next step that is required from all concerned, including the Americans, though we understand that the delicacy of their mediating role may preclude this for the moment.

The other aspect of 242 that is unacceptably vague is the reference to the Palestinians simply as a refugee problem. The American-Soviet joint statement of last October went well beyond 242 by talking about the legitimate rights of the Palestinians, and it is this kind of advance that is required in agreeing on new phraseologies to form the basis of a negotiated and comprehensive Arab-Israeli peace accord. The American secretary of state himself has often said that the Americans have always viewed the Palestinian question as one that is much broader than simply one of refugees. In pronouncing themselves on these two key aspects of 242 -- a full Israeli withdrawal and Palestinian rights -- one feels that simply reiterating the imprecision of ten years ago is insufficient and inappropriate, given the boldness of the recent Egyptian opening and the obvious willingness of the Arabs to agree to the security needs of Israel and all the states in the region.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL DUSTOUR today called on President Anwar Sadat to announce the failure of his Middle East peace initiative towards Israel.

The daily said "President Sadat should tell his people and the Arab nation that it is impossible to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict by negotiations and that the Arab nation should abandon the illusions of negotiated peace."

The paper described the mission by United States Assistant Secretary of State Alfred Atherton as impossible. Mr. Atherton is engaged in shuttle diplomacy between Egypt and Israel to try to get their peace talks resumed.

"He has been unable to convince the Israelis that peace does not match with the acquisition of land, and also unable to convince the Egyptians ... to accept full peace with Israel and to give her the land," it said.

"He will definitely be unable to convince Amman, in his visit to the Jordanian capital today, to join in this game."

The paper added: "This American gentleman is destined to turn into an American lost in the desert mirage."

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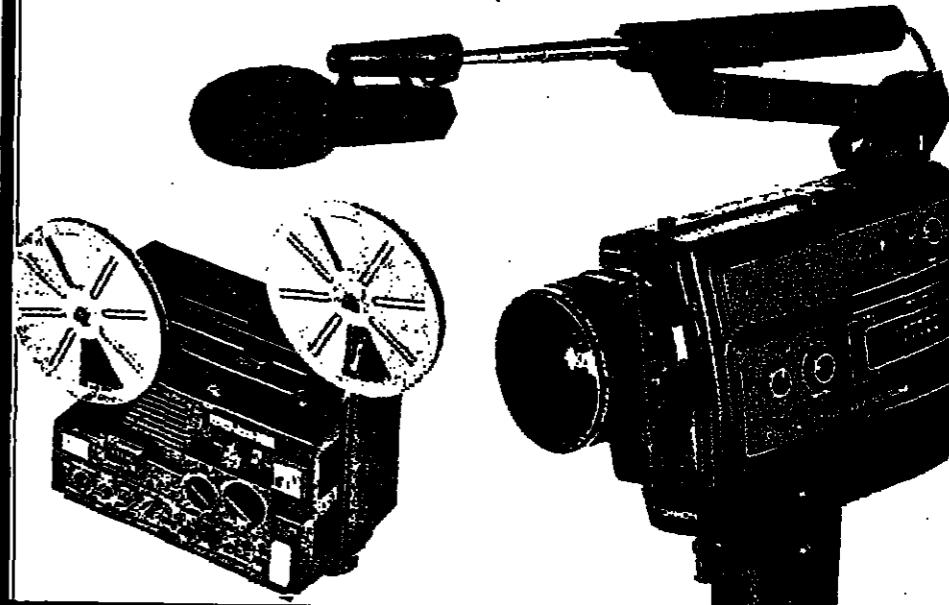
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The most valuable works in the collection are the reports and maps of the German Geological Mission in Jordan.

The maps printed in 1974, are available for sale at JD 3 each: a complete set covering Jordan is JD 15. The reports can be consulted only at the Library.

Anyone doing research in economics may use the Library.

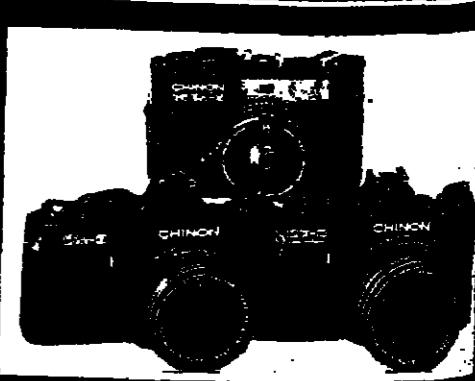
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Joha & His Donkey thrills one and all during ten-day run at Haya Arts Centre

By Joyce Alia Jassar
Special to the Jordan Times

"Joha and His Donkey" -- a play now being presented by the drama section of the Haya Arts Centre -- in a capacity crowd at the centre's theatre here in a ten-day run continuing until the end of next week, or March 10.

Play's tickets were sold out immediately to those waiting, while the remainder of the throng queued up to purchase tickets for other days from the secretary in the centre's hexagonal main building, the performance at 4:00 p.m. daily.

Based on the folk character of the play, Joha is a prominent figure in Arabic folklore, and centre of many amusing anecdotes.

A typical tale is that of Joha meandering through the marketplace, raising his hands to the heavens and proclaiming,

"Thank God, thank God!"

His friends, upon seeing him, amusedly asked him, "And why are you thanking God today, Joha?"

"Because my donkey is lost," he responds.

"What? You're thanking God because you've lost a valuable animal such as your donkey? How could you do that?" they queried.

"Oh," Joha very wisely replied, "If I had been riding him, I too would be lost."

Currently serving as director of the Arab Arts Club, Mr. Sawaiba is a well established international film actor and well known for his broadcasts on the BBC.

"Joha and His Donkey" was

translated into Arabic for its presentation at the Haya Arts Centre by Mr. Nabil Sawaiba, Director of the centre. In addition to directing the many varied activities of the Haya Centre and translating plays, Mr. Sawaiba will be starring in a play for adults in the near future.

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Action fills the air during a London performance of "Joha and His Donkey".



The Haya Centre here in Amman, young stage stars are put through their paces during rehearsal for "Joha and His Donkey".

Volume of imports via Aqaba increases

AMMAN, March 3 (JNA). — Goods imported via Aqaba port last year registered a considerable increase over the previous year's figures.

According to a statistical report issued by the harbour authority, 1,134,598 tons of various goods were unloaded in 1977 in comparison with 959,571 tons in 1976.

The report also indicated an increase in the number of ships docking at the port. The number of ships unloading goods in January of this year was 92 whereas the number in Jan. 1977 was only 72.

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Absurdity's loophole

By Bassam Bishuti

Truth zanier than fiction

The world, this week, celebrates the war 8,000 years ago between Pharaoh Nawara Sadatabamba the Great of the land of Gyptia and the united Pal-Cyprasiens -- the pygmies of Palasia and the dwarfs of Cyprasia.

Apart from this remarkable war, history remembers Pharaoh Nawara Sadatabamba the Great for two things: the commando unit, far advanced for the age, he personally trained to startle the ancient world with clandestine raids across Gyptia's borders and the startling failures of this unit to do anything properly when asked. A particular school of historians claims that he is also remembered as the first head of state of appoint, as his special ambassador to the court of the dwarfs of Cyprasia, his own personal camel.

Pharaoh Nawara Sadatabamba the Great's war with the pygmies and dwarfs of Pal-Cyprasia started when these creatures -- for they were not really men -- began to believe they were as tall as the great pharaoh. They joined forces against him, or so the pharaoh's biographer tells us, and concocted a plan to make him alternatively appear as a pygmy and a dwarf himself.

That was one version of the story, based on the surviving biography of the pharaoh. Another school of historians thinks the real cause of the hostility was Pharaoh Nawara Sadatabamba the Great's secret plan to join with the neighbouring tribes of the Judamarians in occupying the fertile lands of the Palasian pygmies. When the Palasians got wind of the conspiracy, so the historians tell us, they sought help from their neighbours to the west, the dwarfs of Cyprasia. The move was crowned with a political union of the pygmies and dwarfs as the nation of Pal-Cyprasia.

Pharaoh Nawara Sadatabamba the Great realised, the story goes, that the new united nation was aimed against him so he plotted to defeat and dismember it. History knows him for cleverness so he cleverly planned to hit at the Pal-Cyprasiens separately -- one separate blow for each.

First he appointed his personal camel as

a special ambassador to the court of the Cyprasiens and when these dwarfs objected -- on the grounds that the camel should have been sent instead to the united court of the Pal-Cyprasiens -- the pharaoh sent his famed commando unit to Cyprasia under the pretext of releasing the hostage camel from Cyprasiens' anger. The Cyprasiens ambushed the commandos and killed more than a dozen of their highly trained men before they could even raise their weapons.

The pharaoh, we are told, got very angry and history knows that the Illumined Self -- as his personal title described him -- was very prone to losing his temper. He called back the remnant of his commandos, gave them a triumphal welcome and praised their bravery. He described their fiasco in Cyprasia as a lesson they taught to the dwarfs. Some historians explain this line of reasoning -- and history knows the pharaoh for great lines of reasoning -- as an attempt to quieten the commandos down last they turn against him and kill him for the failure of his raid into Cyprasia. In more modern times we call this "local consumption".

Secondly, as far as the pygmies of Palasia were concerned, the pharaoh acted thus. He accused them of conspiring with the Cyprasiens dwarfs against his ambassador camel and said that they "must bear the consequences resulting from this stand" which were that he will, henceforth, withhold his blessing from the sizeable community of pygmy Palasians living in his land of Gyptia.

Yet another school of historians thinks the whole story of the war between Pharaoh Nawara Sadatabamba the Great and the united pygmies and dwarfs of Pal-Cyprasia to have been nothing more than a myth invented by the pharaoh and recorded by his biographer to celebrate a non-existent triumph in order to boost the pharaoh's ego and improve his standing with the people of Gyptia -- for history also knows Pharaoh Nawara Sadatabamba the Great as a great dreamer of grandeur and victories that took place nowhere except in his imagination.

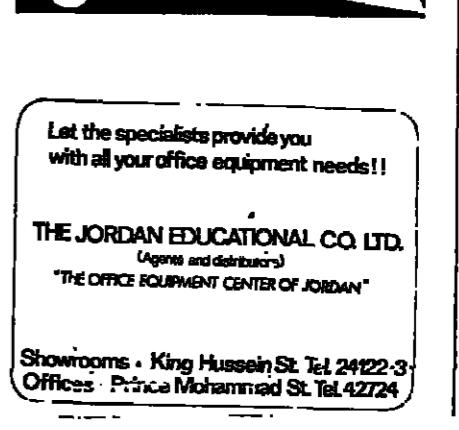
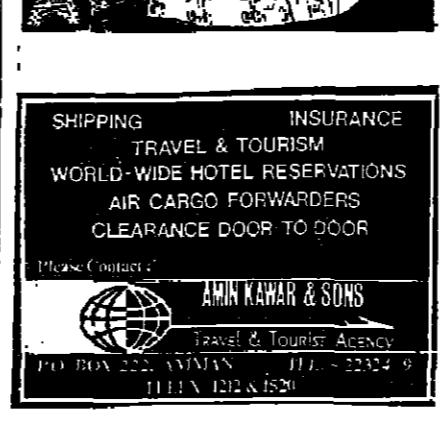
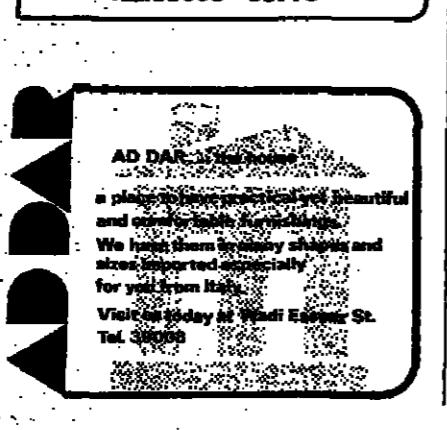
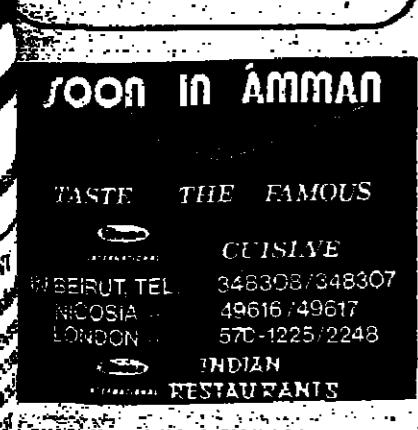
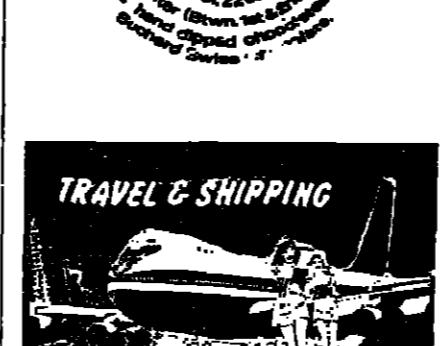
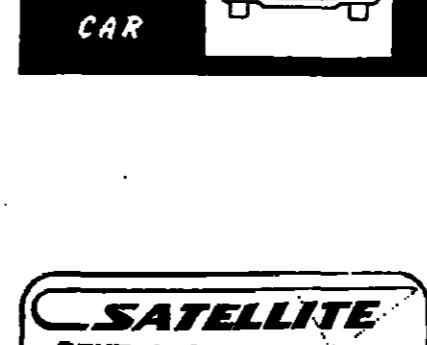
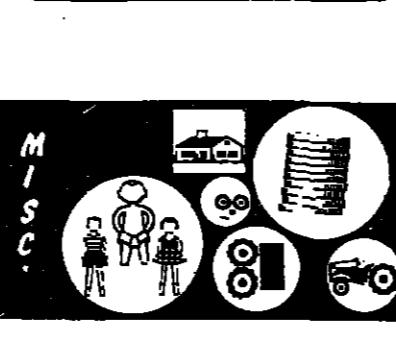
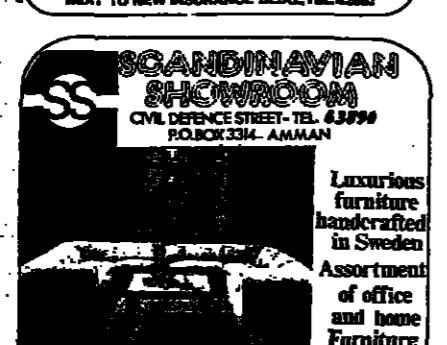
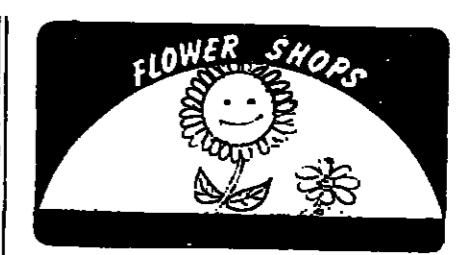
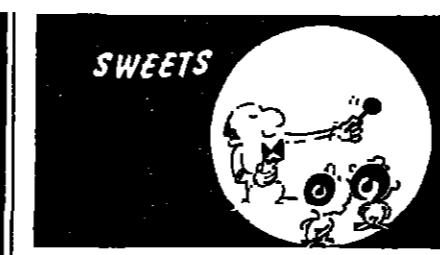
Arab Jerusalem mayor issues appeal

AMMAN, March 3 (JNA). — Al Khatib, said yesterday. The Israeli occupation authorities are determined to complete measures of judaizing the five Islamic quarters adjoining Jerusalem's Haram Al Sharif western wall which had already been illegally confiscated by these authorities on April 18, 1968, in defiance of U.N. General Assembly and the Security Council resolutions, the Mayor of Arab Jerusalem, Mr. Rouhi

guardians and people, and wiping out the traces of the Arab Maghrib civilisation in these places.

The Mayor of Arab Jerusalem appealed to Arab and Islamic countries to raise this matter before UNESCO and the U.N. Security Council and call on them to work to halt the Israeli aggressive designs against the Islamic holy places in occupied Jerusalem.

AMMAN MARKETPLACE



Kuwaiti minister calls for oil price rise to offset declining value of dollar

KUWAIT, March 3 (R). — Kuwaiti Finance Minister Abdul Rahman Al Atiqi today called for higher oil prices to offset revenue losses suffered by oil-exporting countries because of the declining value of the U.S. dollar. Kuwait is planning to contact ministers of other oil exporting countries to attend an emergency meeting to discuss the matter, the minister said in a newspaper interview.

He told the daily newspaper *Al Watan* that the decline of the American currency, in which oil payments are made, has absorbed members of the organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) of their commitment to freeze prices.

The prices, frozen for the first half of this year under a decision by an OPEC ministerial conference in Venezuela last December, should be raised with retroactive effect from January 1, Mr. Atiqi said.

He did not spell out the increase projected by Kuwait, but said the time has come to lay down criteria through which the decline in the value of the dollar could be accounted for.

Mr. Atiqi urged OPEC countries to cooperate in taking a common stand to preserve their solidarity.

OPEC considers abandoning dollar

Several oil-exporting nations are seriously considering abandoning the U.S. dollar as a price-fixing currency for petroleum, OPEC diplomats said yesterday.

The 13 members countries have lost millions of dollars daily in recent months because of the steadily declining value of the American currency.

OPEC governments have several times considered dropping the dollar as the currency in which oil prices are expressed. Each time they have drawn

back because of failure to find a reliable alternative.

Diplomats from OPEC's nations said there was a growing feeling that prices should be based on a basket of currencies, but member governments disagreed on which currencies, should be included and how much weight should be given to the dollar in such an arrangement.

OPEC diplomats said there was mounting concern in all member countries over the state of the dollar. Pressure for a change is coming mainly from Gulf area producers.

Iranian Finance Minister Mohammad Yeganeh said in Washington this week that his country favoured a review of the dollar pricing policy.

Saudi Arabia, OPEC's biggest producer, has also expressed interest in a new pricing mechanism, but has said it will continue to accept payment in dollars.

While OPEC petroleum is priced in dollars, producing nations accept other currencies in payment. But the exchange rate calculation is always based on the dollar. When the dollar is down, customers paying in other currencies get cheaper oil.

Average OPEC oil has been frozen at \$12.70 for a 159-litre barrel since last year, and Saudi Arabia and Iran resisted moves for higher prices when OPEC oil ministers last met at Caracas, Venezuela, in December.

The ministers ordered the

OPEC Secretariat to make a special study of problems connected with the dollar "and to propose remedial measures to safeguard the interests of member countries."

OPEC officials said this study was still going on, and the situation was being watched on a day-to-day basis.

According to provisional OP-

EC estimates, member countries lost between 10 and 12 billion dollars in the last 12 months due to sagging dollar values.

This calculation was based on a 10-12 per cent loss. A Kuwaiti minister estimated in January that losses in real terms were running at about 20 per cent of the value of a barrel of oil.

Miller's nomination wins U.S. Senate committee approval

WASHINGTON, March 3, (R). — The U.S. Senate Banking Committee yesterday approved by 14 votes to 1 the nomination of industrialist William Miller as Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, America's central bank.

If approved by the full Senate, as is considered probable, Mr. Miller who was nominated by President Carter will replace Mr. Arthur Burns in the influential post.

During the five-week investigation committee Chairman William Proxmire contended that Mr. Miller, head of the Textron Inc. conglomerate, should have known more about the payments one of its own subsidiaries allegedly made to an Iranian sales agency to win a helicopter order.

Committee member Edward Brooke said the panel's investigation produced no evidence that Mr. Miller, 52, was involved in any illegality or impropriety.

Textron is, however, still the subject of a separate investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission into alleged bribery overseas to win contracts.

Morocco, Mauritania to set up joint companies to coordinate fishing

RABAT, March 3 (R). — Morocco and Mauritania have agreed to set up joint companies to coordinate their fishing industries, a communiqué issued here yesterday said.

The joint communiqué was published here on the return of Moroccan Commerce and Industry Minister Abdolkarim Raghaye from a three-day visit to Nouakchott, where the accord was signed.

The joint companies will exploit the coastal waters of the two countries.

Morocco recently concluded cooperation agreements for fishing with Spain and the Soviet Union.

People in the News

I must see the president

WASHINGTON (R). — A 67-year-old woman crashed car into the southwestern gate of the White House Monday night but failed to break through into the grounds of the executive mansion. She was not injured and her motive in the attempt to break through the gate was not known. The crash caused considerable damage to the car and only minor damage to the gate, a secret service spokesman said.

Mrs. Wallace to put her kids first

MONTGOMERY, Alabama (AP). — Cornelius Wallace, being married to Governor George C. Wallace was "a demanding thing" in an interview with the Alabama Journal. The divorced Mrs. Wallace said her whirlwind with a nationally known politician kept her from her son two, said she realized during the last two years of marriage to Mr. Wallace that "we were away too much." That, she said, is the reason she stopped traveling with her husband. Mrs. Wallace said she now intends to make two sons, from her marriage to John Saivey III, her priority.

300-egg barrier broken

A flock of 4,788 layers belonging to a Cheshire, England, farmer, Mr. Jack Kenyon, have broken the 300-egg barrier producing 301.5 eggs per bird in 52 weeks of lay. More birds were kept in production for a further eight weeks during which time they boosted the average output to 34 eggs. Another good performance is that of a batch of 500 brown-egg pullets belonging to Nottinghamshire poultryman, Sir John Eastwood. This averaged 253.6 eggs per hen in 51 weeks with a dairy feed consumption of only 10.8 grams per day. It is believed that no other egg producer in the world has been able to achieve this sort of performance on such a scale.

It pays to pray

TAMPA, FLORIDA (AP). — A man attempting to kidnap two women in a hotel room recently broke down and saying he could not go through with it after his victim began praying for his soul, police said. Robert G. Robinson was charged with two counts of armed robbery, officials said. He was held on \$21,000 bond. A person in an adjacent room heard the man's voice and the loud praying of Rhonda Williams, 26, of Port Orange and Marilyn Pascoe, 25, of South Daytona, and summoned hotel security, police said. The women in Tampa attending a Christian Educators Association conference. According to police, the women answered a knock thinking it was a friend. A man entered, said he had a knife and ordered the women to lie on the floor. While he ransacked their purses and the room, the women began to pray then the robber began to cry.

Joint Saudi Arabian S. Korean bank open

SEOUL, March 3 (R). — The Asian Banking Corporation (ABC) was opened here today as a joint venture between Saudi Arabia's Triad Holding Company and a number of South Korean firms.

ABC announced it had an issued capital of \$5.2 million. Triad holds 50 per cent of the equity, while on the Korean side, Taishan Integrated Textile Group has 34 per cent, Korea Exchange Bank four per cent and Sambo Securities Co. two per cent, the announcement said.

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Jordanian Dinar	Buying	Selling
U.S. dollar	30.00/31	
U.K. sterling	58.00/58	
W. German mark	152.80/153	
Swiss franc	168.10/168.30	
French franc	65.30	
Italian lire (for every 100)	36.30	
Japanese yen (for every 100)	129.40/129.40	
Dutch guilder	143.10/143.10	
Belgian franc (for every ten)	98.40/98.40	
Swedish crown	67.00	

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

London, March 3 (R). — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of bank trading on the London foreign exchange market last Friday.

One sterling	1.9392/97	U.S. dollars
One dollar	2.0210/40	West German mark
	2.1650/1700	Dutch guilder
	1.8475/8575	Swiss francs
	31.38/43	Belgian francs
	4.7550/7650	French francs
	850.50/851.00	Italian lire
	237.35/59	Japanese yen
	4.6100/50	Swedish crowns
	5.3280/3320	Norwegian crowns
	5.6050/50	Danish crowns

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Stocks held steady with most prices unchanged from session in idle trading Friday, dealers said. At 1500 the FTSE was up 1.4 at 434.8.

Government bonds firmed slightly following the fall in public sector borrowing requirement and put on 1/8 point to higher on the day. Industrial leaders mostly finished a point higher. However, Beecham lost 12p to 590.

Gold shares were firm but below the highest level. Australias advanced while U.S. and Canadian stocks with the lower investment dollar premium.

Gilco finished 6p higher at 523p and ICI 4p up to 239.

Courtaulds and GEC each advanced 2p to 110 and 239 respec-

tionally. Amoco oil B.P. put on 4p to 724 while Shell, added

49p and Burmah ended a penny higher at 45p. Banks were

with the leaders from 4p lower to that much higher.

EMI fell 3p earlier but came back to close at 143.

Price of gold closed in London Friday at \$155.60/oz

How to get the most mileage for your money

By John Stansell of New Scientists

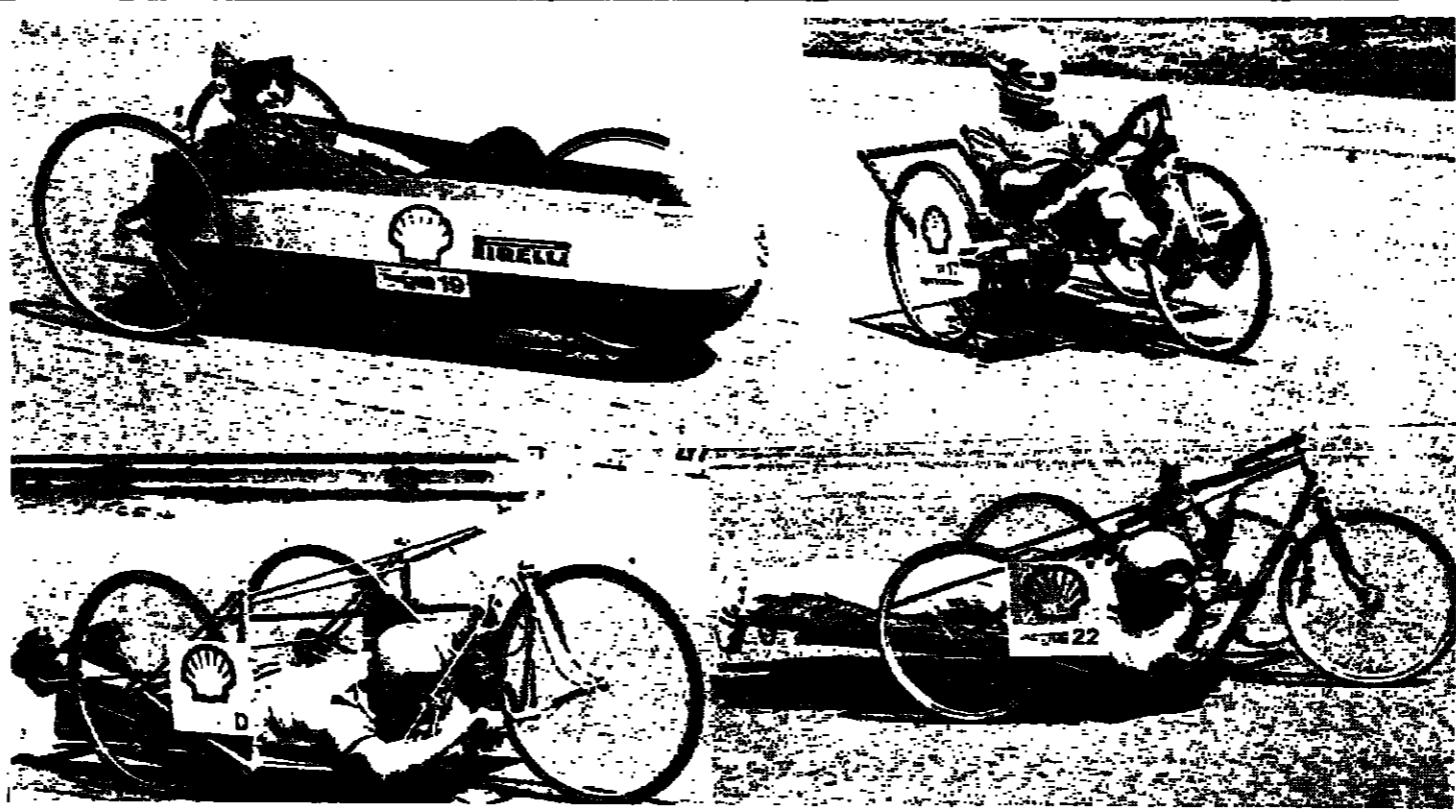
LONDON, (RPS) — If you feel that your standard production family car with its fuel consumption of around 7 litres/100 kms. (40 miles to the gallon) is not enough in these energy conscious days you could do worse than go to the Cranfield College of Technology in Berkshire, England, for advice. A team from this college has just won a prize totalling £1250 for persuading an internal combustion engined vehicle to travel ten times round 1.6 kms. (one mile) long race track using petrol at a rate equivalent to 0.26 litres/100 kms. (1098 miles per gallon).

Of course you would have to live with the disadvantages of such an energy efficient vehicle, including a requirement to run the engine only about four times per kilometre (about six times a mile) in 10 to 30 second bursts.

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Three bicycle wheels

The achievement of the Cr-



A selection of novel internal combustion engined vehicles which took part in the Shell Super Mileage Project at the Mallory Park motor racing circuit, Leicester, England.

anfield team was not limited to producing a performance in one year which was only 69 kms. (43 miles) worse than Shell's 1976 Thornton Research Centre team could do with the benefit of six years previous experience. It also won second place for technical ingenuity and standards of construction.

In common with most of the entries it used a modified Honda 50cc engine and three bicycle wheels. But while most of the college cars were open, with their drivers taking a range of -- mostly uncomfortable -- prone positions, the Cranfield car had a lightweight glass fibre body of streamlined design -- the driver's position allowing him to concentrate on getting the most out of the machine. The winning driver emphasised that his success was in large part due to the practice that had allowed him to perfect his technique.

Electronic ignition

Three other aspects of this car's design won a mention from the technical judging team, headed by Professor Ian Fells of Newcastle University. One was the perhaps logical choice of electronic ignition, an important element for complete combustion and the reliable starting that was vital to the driving technique.

The second was the choice of a higher than standard compression ratio -- though it fell short of the 13:1 that one team coaxed its engine to achieve. The third, and arguably the most interesting, was

Vital factor

the use of electrical fuel pre-heating circuits before starting and a solenoid operated valve to close the inlet tract of the carburettor on stopping the engine -- the relevance of these, of course, is that they minimise unnecessary loss of fuel.

Novel auxiliary power source

In the technical contest the winner was a late entry from the Tampere University of Technology, Finland. Although it did not have the benefit of sophisticated streamlining, this vehicle included a two cylinder reciprocating steam engine whose heat source was the exhaust gases from a 44 cc four-stroke moped engine.

The boiler allowed one litre of water to be converted into steam at a pressure of 2.3 bar and stored until the driver felt the best use could be made of it. Efficiency of this novel auxiliary power source was further aided by a pre-heater circuit energised by the heat from the petrol engine's cylinder and used to warm the steam engine.

The Finnish team achieved the third best fuel figure of 0.32 litres/100 kms. (814 miles per gallon).

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TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Planning how to extend present projects is best way to make real progress now. You can benefit by making new contacts.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Make sure to keep your promises to others. Improving the relationship between you and the one you love is wise.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) You can gain your cherished desires if you are more cooperative with allies. Try not to be so sensitive.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Gain the cooperation of co-workers and increase efficiency and productivity. Strive for more harmony with family members.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A fine day to engage in favorite activities with congenials. Take health treatments and improve your appearance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Get busy putting your house in order and establishing more harmony there with kin. Strive for increased happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Plan time for those activities that are difficult to do during busy work week. Be careful of your reputation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) If you use good practical sense, you find that you can handle personal affairs successfully. Take needed exercise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Improve your vision so that you know you are headed in the right direction. Accept a social invitation and have fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Study your immediate surroundings and make plans for improvement. Make plans to have greater income in the future.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Obtain the data you need from the right sources. Engage in recreational activities late in the day and have a good time.

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GORE BRIDGE

BY CHARLES H. GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

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Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦83 ♦KQJ72 ♦A87 ♦AQ

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

2 ♦ Dble. Pass 2 NT Pass

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What action do you take?

A.—North has not made a particularly strong bid. If he had good all around values, he would have made a free bid of one no trump over West's one spade interference. At this vulnerability we would pass. If we were vulnerable, we might take a shot at game.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦6 ♦93 ♦KQ10764 ♦K972

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

2 ♦ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—North has not made a particularly strong bid. If he had good all around values, he would have made a free bid of one no trump over West's one spade interference. At this vulnerability we would pass. If we were vulnerable, we might take a shot at game.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦A87 ♦95 ♦Q9652 ♦843

Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A.—The choice is between a raise to two spades and one no trump. We would be inclined to make the less encouraging response of one no trump, despite our ruffing value, because we have an absolute minimum. Give us a fourth spade instead of a fifth diamond, however, and we would bid two spades.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦A10 ♦A762 ♦AQ84 ♦KJ

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—Had partner responded at the one-level, you would have shown your 19 HCP by jumping to two no trump. Since partner's response was at the two-level, you now have to jump to three no trump to show your strength.

of any heart losers he may have. We would jump to five no trump—the Grand Slam Force, asking partner to bid seven if he holds two of the top three honors in the agreed trump suit, spades.

Q.5—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♦K952 ♦QJ1094 ♦Q82 ♦7

The bidding has proceeded:

West North East South

1 ♦ Pass 1 ♦ Pass

2 ♦ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—Pass. Partner's double is for penalties. Had he wanted you to bid a suit, he would have made a takeout double of one club. With your fine defensive values, you should anticipate a rewarding set.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♦A10 ♦A762 ♦AQ84 ♦KJ

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♦ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

What do you bid now?

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10. Creep	34. June bug
12. Corrida cheer	35. Boat
13. Intervening law	36. Air
21. Mild	38. Questionable
22. Biscuit	40. To
23. Fourth caliph	41. Put in quarantine
24. Clay and lime-stone	21. American pastime
25. Folds of the peritoneum	22. Radio
26. Infux	23. Saturday Special
27. Paving stone	24. News Summary
29. Containing iodine	25. Saturday Special
30. Reef	26. Saturday Special
31. Shoshonean Indian	27. Sports Round-up
32. Church recesses	28. Sports Round-up
35. Chinese yell-low	29. Sports Round-up
37. Plaything	30. Sports Round-up
39. Constrictor	31. Sports Round-up

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AMMAN AIRPORT

Arrivals :

8:50 Cairo (EA)

8:55 Tel Aviv (EA)

8:25 Dubai (AZ)

8:25 Muscat (DO)

8:45 Beirut (MEA)

8:45 Tehran (IR)

9:00 Karachi, Dubai

9:10 Rome (AZ)

10:30 Bengkulu

10:40 Bucharest (Taron)

Rhodesian leaders believe accord will end guerrilla war

SALISBURY, March 3 (R). — Black and white Rhodesian leaders signed an agreement here today to give the country black majority rule, under the name of Zimbabwe, on Dec. 31. Two of the three black leaders involved — Bishop Abel Muzorewa and the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole — said they believe the agreement, reached after three months of negotiations, will persuade nationalist guerrillas to end their five-year fight against white supremacy and return home in peace.

The Rhodesian constitutional agreement was reached in the absence of the foreign-based Patriotic Front guerrilla group which has led the bush war against the white minority government from neighbouring Mozambique.

The agreement was signed to-

day before a battery of news correspondents by Premier Ian Smith, Bishop Muzorewa, Mr. Sithole and Chief Jeremiah Chirau.

The ceremony began at 10:20 a.m. (08:20 GMT) and lasted six minutes.

Explaining the constitutional

position, Rhodesian sources said under the agreement Premier Smith will not have to formally resign. The sources said Mr. Smith would have a dual role as prime minister under the present constitution and as an equal member of the interim government's upper tier, the Executive Council.

In London, British Foreign Secretary David Owen said in a BBC interview last night the internal settlement announced in Rhodesia "is the start and not the end of the process".

Prime Minister Smith has taken a big step forward, but he still had a lot to do. Dr. Owen added.

"There must be more assurances that Smith is intend-

ing to give up some of the major entrenchments of the whites," Dr. Owen added.

Dr. Owen said: "I am doubtful about the guerrillas giving up their arms".

The thieves dug up the he-
avy wooden coffin and carried it off between nightfall on Wednesday and dawn on Thursday. A cross at the head of the grave was undamaged, and the police took it to a laboratory to check for fingerprints.

Chaplin died on Dec. 25 and was buried two days later in a small cemetery on a rarely travelled dirt road near this Lake Geneva village where he spent the last 20 years of his life. There was no elaborate grave marker because he had said he wanted his grave to be as simple as the others in the cemetery.

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counting the theory that the
theft was masterminded by a
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He declined to speculate on how the family might react to a ransom demand. Chaplin's estate has been estimated at as much as \$100 million.

Still no clues on who stole Charlie Chaplin

CORSIER SUR VEVEY, Swit-
zerland March 3 (AP). — Po-
lice say they have no clues to
the grave robbers who stole
Charlie Chaplin's body from a
small, unguarded Swiss villa-
ge cemetery two nights ago.

They said no ransom de-
mand has been received, and
they would not speculate on
other possible motives for the
theft.

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East German police offered Iranians 15 interrogation hours

WEST BERLIN, March 3 (R). — Twelve Iranian students arrested after briefly occupying the Iranian Embassy in East Berlin said last night they were interrogated continuously for 15 hours before being deported to the West.

They burst into the Embassy on Monday, to protest against the Iranian government's alleged repression of opponents during riots in Tabriz last month. The group held the ambassador and three of his staff for 90 minutes before being dragged out by East German police. A spokesman for the students' group here which organised the occupation said the students also found in embassy files what they said were the names of a dozen agents in West Berlin of the Iranian secret service Savak. After being driven away in a police truck, they were interrogated until early Tuesday morning. They were denied defence lawyers and sentenced in an emergency court session to between 10 months and a year in jail and deportation, the spokesman said. The students were finally sent back to West Berlin late Tuesday evening.

Meanwhile, in Tehran yesterday the Shah of Iran received Gen. Jaafar Shafaqat, the new Governor General of East Azerbaijan Province, appointed after the riots in Tabriz last month which left ten people dead and 125 injured. The former Governor General, Gen. Iskander Azmoudeh, was recalled to Tehran after the rioting in the city near the Soviet border, about 500 kms. northwest of Tehran.

Elections are not everything ...



Indian Prime Minister Morarji Desai (right) takes time off from the current state elections to welcome Princess Astraf, sister of the Shah of Iran, in New Delhi this week. Princess Astraf is on a private visit to India. (AP wirephoto)

Ogaden needs you also



Somewhere on Somalian territory these Somali girls are being trained with submachine guns and other weapons in the military arts. After the intensification of the Ogaden war with Ethiopia Somalia decided to call for a general mobilisation. This also included schoolgirls such as these. (AP wirephoto)

Czech-Soviet cosmonaut team prepares to dock with Salyut

MOSCOW, March 3 (AP). — A newly launched team of Russian and Czechoslovak cosmonauts began today preparing the Soyuz-28 capsule for docking with the orbiting Soviet Salyut-Six space station, TASS reported.

The Soviet news agency said

that by 11:00 GMT Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Gubarev and Czechoslovak Vladimir Remek had completed 13 orbits around the earth since their blast-off from Soviet Central Asia yesterday evening.

During their first radio communications session with ground control, the cosmonauts "reported that they had started implementing the programme of preparing the Soyuz-28 ship for a rendezvous with the orbital complex Salyut-Six-Soyuz 27," TASS said.

These pre-docking preparations included a correction in the Soyuz capsule's orbital trajectory.

The new orbit was carrying them to a maximum height of 309 kms. above the earth and a minimum of 269 kms. with 90 minutes the period for each full orbit, according to TASS.

The TASS report gave no specific time for the expected space link-up.

It added that Gubarev and Remek — as well as cosmonauts Yuri Romanenko and Georgi Grechko aboard Salyut-Six — were feeling well.

Romanenko and Grechko, who have been in orbit since last Dec. 10, will set a new

record for continuous time in space at 02:36 GMT tomorrow, breaking the previous 84-day record set by U.S. astronauts aboard Skylab Four four years ago.

The launching of Gubarev and Remek marked the first time that cosmonauts of two countries have been fired into space aboard the same craft.

Gubarev, a 46-year-old colonel in the Soviet air force, is serving as commander for the flight. He is one of those who can work 24 hours a day.

In an interview carried by TASS today, Gubarev said about Remek before the launching: "Vladimir has excellently prepared himself for the flight. He is one of those who can work 24 hours a day."

Snags hit cooperation bid between factions of India's Congress

NEW DELHI, March 3 (AP). — Talks broke down today between the official Congress Party and former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's breakaway wing on possible cooperation in forming a government in the Indian state of Maharashtra.

A spokesman for Mrs. Gandhi's "Indira Congress" said the current Maharashtra's chief minister and an official Congress leader had demanded that the minister be allowed to remain in office as a condition for his party's cooperation. Mrs. Gandhi found this unacceptable, he said.

The Indira Congress, created last month when Mrs. Gandhi bolted the Congress Party, won comfortable majorities in two state elections in voting last weekend, re-establishing the former prime minister as a political force.

Meanwhile, the national ruling Janata Party has claimed it has secured enough support from minor parties and independents to assemble a government in Maharashtra, which includes India's biggest city, Bombay.

Some Cuban activities are welcomed in the world

By Samuel Koo

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Cuba has become an increasingly influential diplomatic force at the United Nations in the years since it began sending troops, technicians and doctors around the world.

Unlike its controversial military involvement in black

Africa, beginning with Angolan civil war in 1976, Cuba's role at the United Nations is drawing little adverse response from diplomats, and often, its activities here are admired by other delegations.

"Unquestionably, Cuba is an important leader of the non-aligned bloc and a constructive force at the United Nations," says Nigerian Ambassador Leslie O. Harriman.

"A tip of my hat for their single-minded pursuit of Third World leadership," says a Guatemalan envoy.

An American official whose main responsibility is to deal with Cuba and other Latin American countries says the Cubans are "well informed, diligent professionals who do their homework. They are extraordinarily active and talented."

A large delegation

Cuba, which ranks 46th out of the 149 U.N. members in terms of its contribution to the budget, maintains a delegation of 30 diplomats, the fifth largest after the Soviet Union, the United States, China and Brazil.

The Cubans, most of them in their 20s and 30s, participate in nearly all facets of U.N. activities, pressing for maximum exposure of such Third World-oriented issues as independence of small island entities like Puerto Rico, a new world economic order, Palestinian rights and Southern Africa. They also are active on the cocktail circuit and have built a reputation of never missing a party.

Their hard work and Cuba's growing foreign presence have, in the words of an Indian diplomat, made the Caribbean nation a "mini major power." Cuba's influence is such that no Third World country would want to introduce a resolution without Havana's support," the diplomat said.

Third World agitator

Others see the Cuban role as that of a catalyst, a behind-the-scenes force lining up Third World countries for confrontation against the Western powers.

Cuba's diplomatic activism also has enabled Dr. Fidel Castro's government to establish full diplomatic relations with nearly 100 nations, up from about 70, five years ago, and 49 under the government of Mr. Fulgencio Batista in 1959.

Cuba has its share of enemies who occasionally cry foul over its military presence in Africa, but their warnings and criticisms go unheeded in the Western Hemisphere.

The United States continues to be a favourite target of Cuban verbal attack, along with Chile, Israel and South Africa. But the U.S. delegation, under the leadership of Andrew Young, no longer responds to Cuban invective with the same sharpness Mr. Daniel Patrick Moynihan displayed when he was the U.S. envoy.

Puerto Rican thorn

One of the perennial sore points between the United

Eban says Israelis must withdraw from West Bank for peace

TEL AVIV, March 3 (AP).

Former Israeli Foreign Minister Abba Eban said today that Israel must be prepared to withdraw from territory on the West Bank if peace talks are to succeed.

Mr. Eban, writing in the Jerusalem Post, joined in a growing dispute over whether the government of Prime Minister Menachem Begin is trying to exclude the West Bank from U.N. Security Council Resolution 242 which calls for Israeli withdrawal from territory captured in the 1967 war.

Some Israeli sources and respected political writers like the Post's David Landau have reported that Mr. Begin's attempt to insist that the resolution need not apply to the West Bank is at the crux of the peace talks deadlock.

Begin-Carter talks

U.S. President Jimmy Carter warned yesterday night that any "abandonment" of Resolution 242 would set back peace talks. The question of interpretation of the resolution was expected to be a major topic during Mr. Begin's visit to Washington in two weeks. At issue is the long-standing view in Washington that Resolution 242 calls for Israeli withdrawal in all areas: the Sinai, the Golan Heights and the West Bank and Gaza.

Mr. Eban noted that the Israeli cabinet and parliament previously reaffirmed the U.S. adherence to 242 and willingness to withdraw at least part of the West Bank. That action caused Begin to resign from a National Unity cabinet on grounds Israel had committed itself to transferring most of the West Bank to Jordan.

The clearest statement Mr. Begin's position is in his peace plan which proposes autonomy for Palestinians living on the West Bank but allows Jewish settlements to remain and leaves the question of sovereignty over area open.

Mr. Eban, a member of the opposition Labour Party, the likely choice as prime minister had Labour won the 1977 election. Other Labour who have criticised Mr. Begin's stand on the West Bank include former Premier Yitzhak Rabin, who said Israel's position tended to exclude Jews from negotiations.

Israel has accepted 242

Mr. Eban argued that previous Israeli governments had accepted the principle of withdrawal

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China-Israel ties after Mideast peace?

TOKYO, March 3 (AP). — China has declared that only Israel abandons its policy of "aggression and expansion" will be able to exist side by side with the Arab countries and as a responsible state in the world. The Peking People's Daily said this in an editorial yesterday criticising Israel for building more settlements in formerly held Arab territories. The editor suggested obliquely that Peking may be prepared to recognise Israel if peace is established in the Mideast. It follows the visit of Israel's special envoy, Hassan Al-Tohamay. Though there is no record that Peking has ever refused to accept the reality of Israel's existence, its long-held policy has been to support Arabs and condemn Israeli "aggression". No official record exists between the two countries.

Al Mahdi: Egypt-Sudan unity for all Arabs

KHARTOUM, March 3 (R). — Former Premier Sadiq Al Mahdi was reported yesterday as saying current moves towards integration of Sudan and Egypt should be the nucleus for overall Arab unity. In an interview with the daily newspaper Al Ayam he said: "Sudanese-Egyptian integration should not take the form of an axis but should be open to the gradual achievement of overall Arab unity, the aspiration of the Arab peoples." He said some people had tried to doubt on relations with Egypt but these were unfounded. Leader of the former Opposition Front said his reconciliation with the regime of President Jaafar Nimeiri ended a year with the regime of President Jaafar Nimeiri ended a year of suppression and violence.

Greek-Turk Swiss summit this month

ATHENS, March 3 (R). — The Greek and Turkish Ministers, Mr. Constantine Karmanlis and Mr. Bulent Uludag will meet in Switzerland sometime between March 10 and 12. A government spokesman said last night they had already agreed to meet to try to solve their disputes in Cyprus and the Aegean Sea.

War of nerves over Filipino kidnap

ZAMBANGA CITY, Philippines, March 3 (AP). — Philippine military and Moslem rebel kidnappers were in a battle of nerves yesterday as a French government and at least five relatives of his abductors endured a night of captivity. Informed sources said the military was holding relatives as insurance against the kidnappers' having M. Huguet, 59, a Sub-Director in the French Finance Ministry, held captive. The tactic has been used at least once before to gain freedom for a kidnapped foreigner. Three armed men seized M. Huguet Sunday as he took photographs of a Moslem village during a vacation in Zamboanga City, 860 kms. south of Manila. The abductors reportedly are asking \$150,000 ransom, demand a note written by M. Huguet and delivered on Wednesday by an emissary sent to talk with the rebel band.

Kyprianou urges U.S. not to aid Turkey

NICOSIA, March 3 (R). — Cypriot President Spyros Kyprianou has urged President Carter not to seek United Congressional approval for \$1 billion worth of arms to Turkey, senior government sources said yesterday. The arms would be conveyed to President Carter by U.S. Ambassador William Crawford who called on President Kyprianou yesterday, they said. Under the agreement Turkey would use military bases closed by the Turks in 1976.

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